

HAYES UPSET WYCOMBE

Wycombe Wanderers 1,
Hayes 2

WYCOMBE Wanderers gave a disappointing display at Loakes Park on Wednesday evening, when they lost to their Athenian League premier division visitors from Hayes.

In their second public trial match Wycombe were clearly upset by the fast-moving Hayes side, who moved the ball well in mid-field, and certainly deserved their shock victory.

Both sides made several changes during the match, but the one feature which was noticeable throughout the game was the speed in which the Hayes players built their attacks, often switching the pattern of play.

For Wycombe centre-half Vince Faulkner had an outstanding match, often plugging large gaps in the home defence. Charlie Gale will quickly want to forget this game as he hardly put a foot right all evening!

In an even first half Wycombe gained the upper hand by taking the lead in the 40th minute. Steve Holmes slipped the ball across the goalmouth and just as Williams was about to gather Tony Horseman nipped in to score.

Hayes had looked dangerous in breakaways in the first period and only an alert Maskell had kept them at bay, although the woodwork came to his rescue on two occasions.

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After 65 minutes Hayes pulled level as Howard scored from close range past the stranded Wells, who had replaced Maskell. Wycombe made three other half-time changes, Paul Bates taking over from Holmes, Les Merrick returning from a first half injury with Roystone staying on in place of Ian Rundle.

Peter Eyres at right-half who replaced Barry Baker, away on holiday, gave an impressive performance throughout the 90 minutes. His constructive use of the ball in mid-field was a marked feature of the match.

But he does seem to lack conviction in his own abilities when moving up to support the attack often electing to pass the ball rather than have a shot himself.

In the 84th minute Hayes scored a deserved winner—a goal they had worked hard for with continuous running and effort. Smith tried a long range shot which was blocked by Beck and Boreham had the simple task of netting.

Wycombe Wanderers: Maskell (Wells); Rundle (Roystone), Beck; Eyres, Faulkner, Gale; Merrick, Samuels, Busby, Horseman, Holmes (Bates).